REMARKS

This is a continuation under Rule 1.78(a) of application S.N. 09/942,332, filed August 28, 2001. The issue fee has been paid on the parent application, which is not being abandoned. The original claims are canceled and replaced with new claims 21-30. A copy of the parent application as originally filed is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required payment of fees for prosecution of the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0259 Bracewell & Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

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